given to the hotel? When the Harbour is in Cochin State and not in British Malabar why was this name adopted?

Mr. President : The name is not British Malabar hotel.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Cochin is not Malabar.

Mr. President : Cochin is part of Malabar.

COCHIN BACKWATERS—MONUMENTS OBTAINED BY DREDGING.

142. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the dredging operations in our backwaters have brought to light interesting historical monuments;

(*b*) whether an interesting old image from our backwaters was recently sent to the Madras Museum by the Harbour Authorities?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) During the course of dredging operations in the inner harbour, the following articles were found:—

(*i*) A skull and a few bones. These were sent to the Director, Zoological Survey of India.

(*ii*) Tombstones 12 Nos. Four were handed over to the Roman Catholic Church, Cochin and eight to the Government Archæologist, Trichur.

(*b*) No.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Was our Government consulted when these were sent to people outside the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to see that they are also consulted when such things are sent outside our State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, we will consider that question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Were these skulls and bones returned?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)* Probably they are preserved there.

THEVARA—VENDURUTHI BRIDGE—CONSTRUCTION OF—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

143. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(*a*) the total amount estimated for the construction of the Thevara-Venduruthi Bridge ;

(*b*) whether the construction was done departmentally ;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government is aware that tenders were invited for the building materials ;

(*d*) if the answer to sub-question (*c*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to enquire whether the work done is sufficient for the money spent by conducting an investigation through our P. W. D.;

(*e*) whether the estimates prepared by the Harbour Authorities are scrutinised by our Government ;

(*f*) whether the works are check-measured by any competent authority deputed by our Government;

(*g*) whether tenders were called for the construction of any of the works the Harbour Authorities have undertaken within the last 3 years at least for materials ;

(*h*) if the answers to sub-questions (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*) are in the negative the reasons for not doing so ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 15,67,500.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (*c*).

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The question does not arise as far as (*g*) is concerned. As regards (*e*) & (*f*), Government have not considered it necessary to scrutinise the estimates and check-measure the works connected with the development of the Harbour, as these estimates were prepared by expert Engineers and were approved, in the first instance, by competent authorities like the Madras Government or the Government of India, and as the works are carried out under expert supervision.

144. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the cost of construction of the bridge connecting Ernakulam with Venduruthi; and

(*b*) the share of the expenses met by the Cochin Government towards the cost of construction of the bridge referred to in clause (*a*)?

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